GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Rumors of War Sent Wheat Soaring and Elevate Corn Somewhat.

CLOSING PRICES ARE HIGH ONES OF DAY

Speculators Are Able to Manipulate Every Report Owing to Present Conditions of the Market.

OMAHA, Feb. 17, 1904.

Rumors of war and of English-Russian complications caught a very weak and rapidly declining market about the middle of the morning and sent wheat soaring, and in a less degree brought corn up. The closing prices were in most cases the high prices of the day. The market is in such condition that the speculators are able to use every rumor that comes along to manipulate the market. The uncertainty is apt to bring wide fluctuations. European exchanges are reported as being very uneasy. A confirmation of the Balkan rumors would make an acute situation, for it would shut off all export from Russia and the Danube countries.

Chicago opened on May wheat at 96⅝c, this being ⅛c stronger than the close of Tuesday. It soon declined, however, to 96c. Omaha opened at the closing figure, 82c, but fell away rapidly to 80¾c, a loss of 1¼c. The market rallied on war rumors and on buying in Chicago by shorts who got short on the break. Omaha, on the rally, went in a short time from 80¾c to 82½c, with bidders eager. By noon Chicago had recovered from 96c to 98c, fallen away to the half and returned to 97⅛c. July wheat opened in Omaha on the closing figure, dropped ⅛c to 76⅛c, and then rapidly advanced to 79c, a gain of 2¾c. Chicago opened weak on new July, fell to 86⅝c, ⅝c below the opening, and for high mark later touched 88½c.

May corn opened weak at 45c, fell away to 44⅝c, and then was bid up to 45c, and later the bullish feeling took it to 45⅝c. Chicago varied between 54¼c and 55⅝c. July corn was offered freely from the opening, 45c down to 44½c, but little was taken. Chicago July, during the same time, advanced from 52½c to 53⅝c.

Omaha May and March oats opened at Tuesday's close, and were bid up ½c, with little changing hands.

The range in prices of Omaha grain for future delivery and the close today and Tuesday were as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	—Closed— Today.	Tues.
Wheat—					
May	.82	83½	80¾	82¾	82 B
July	.76⅝	79	76⅛	78⅛A	76⅞
Corn—					
May	.45	45⅝B	44⅝	45⅝	45 A
July	.45	44¾	44½	45¼	45
Oats—					
May	.41⅛	42	41⅛	42	41⅛A
March	.39	39½	38⅞	39½	39

Local Cash Grain Market.

Cash grain was dull this morning, with light receipts and slow business. Prices were strong, without any advance, and the tendency was upward. Some grain was held over for better prices tomorrow. Wheat receipts were light, being 2 cars in and 2 cars out; one week ago, 5 cars.

Sales of car lots by sample on track, Omaha:

Hard Wheat—No. 3, 1 car, 83c, 1 car 82c.

Corn receipts also were light, being 9 cars in and 20 out; one week ago, 29 cars in and 8 out.

Sales of car lots by sample on track, Omaha:

Mixed Corn—No. 4, 1 car, 40½c, 1 car 40c.

Receipts of oats were 3 cars in and 16 out; one week ago, 16 cars.

One car of No. 2 rye sold for 53½c.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard winter, 84@89c; No. 3 hard winter, 80@85c; No. 4 hard winter, 72@78c; No. 2 spring, 87@91c; No. 3 spring, 80@89c; No. 4 spring, 70@78c.

CORN—No. 2, 43@44c; No. 3, 40½@41½c; No. 4, 39½@40½c; No. 2 yellow, 43@44c; No. 3 yellow, 41@42c; No. 2 white, 43@44c; No. 3 white, 41@42c.

OATS—No. 2, 37½@38½c; No. 3, 36½@37½c; No. 4, 36@37c; No. 2 white, 42@43c; No. 3 white, 40@41c; standard, 40@41c.

Notes from the Exchange Offices.

H. G. Leavitt and F. J. Campbell were admitted to membership at the directors' meeting Tuesday.

Omaha inspections of grain were 39 cars. Of these two cars graded No. 3 hard winter wheat, 13 cars No. 3 corn, 5 cars No. 4 corn, 1 car No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car No. 3 white oats, 11 cars No. 4 white oats, 1 car No. 2 rye and 5 cars No. 3 rye.

A meeting of all members of the Omaha Grain exchange has been called by the directors for next Tuesday at 1:15 o'clock in the exchange hall. The object is the limiting of the membership to 200. The original number was 500, but it is felt by the directors that this number is too large and that 200 active members will be more effective. Kansas City has a limit of 200. As the Omaha exchange now has nearly the limit proposed, the effect will be the early appreciation in value of the shares.

Grain Markets Elsewhere.

Closing prices of grain at the markets named Tuesday and today were as follows:

KANSAS CITY.

	Today.	Tu'day.
Wheat—		
May	83½	82
July	79⅝	78
Corn—		
May	46⅝	46¼
July	46¼	45⅞

ST. LOUIS.

Wheat—		
May	94¾	93¾
July	86⅛	85¼
Corn—		
May	50¼	49⅝
July	50½	50

MINNEAPOLIS.

Wheat—		
May	96⅜	95¼
July	96¼B	95B

DULUTH.

Wheat—		
May	95⅞	94¾
July	95⅞	94½B

NEW YORK.

Wheat—		
May	$1.00A	99
July	95¼	94B

Notes of the Grain Trade.

Primary receipts were: Wheat, 575,000, against 406,000; corn, 761,000, against 672,000. Shipments were: Wheat, 334,000, against 137,000; corn, 286,000, against 418,000.

Minneapolis stocks show a decrease of 35,000 bushels for five days.

Chicago receipts were 31 cars of wheat, none of contract grade; 347 cars of corn, none contract, and 138 cars of oats, 5 contract. Estimated receipts for tomorrow are 25 cars of wheat and 220 cars of corn.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—War complications in Europe, as well as in Asia, whirled wheat up 2c a bushel today for May delivery. July jumped 2⅜c. Compared with last night's prices May wheat at the close showed a gain of 1¾@1⅞c. The net advance in July wheat is 1⅝c. May corn is up ⅝c, oats ⅝@¾c and provisions 10c to 27½c.

Wheat at the opening was about steady on the comparatively calm tone of cables, foreign markets showing no response to the decline here yesterday. Initial sales of May were a shade lower to a shade higher at 96½@96⅝c, while July was a shade to ⅛@½c higher at 87⅜@87½c. Selling by the principal long, followed by profit taking by smaller holders, carried May down to 96c. July sold off to 86⅝c. Toward the noon hour traders were seized by an acute attack of war fever. A report was circulated that an uprising had occurred in the Balkans. From the moment this announcement was made until the close of the session there was an urgent demand for both May and July wheat. There was a scramble among shorts to cover and the leading bull houses bought freely. The trade was of such large volume that individual transactions were allowed to pass almost unnoticed. The market turned suddenly strong and sharp advances were made in all deliveries.

Another factor that helped to strengthen the situation was a correction in Bradstreets' world's visible supply figures. According to the revised data the available stocks show a decrease of 783,000 bushels instead of an increase of 217,000 bushels, as announced yesterday. The export business was an additional bull factor. A report from Baltimore stated that foreigners were taking all the offerings in the shape of wheat, while New York also claimed a big shipping demand. Under these conditions May rose rapidly up to 98c and July was forced up to 89c. The close was almost at the top figures, with May at 97⅞c and July at 88⅝c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 47,800 bushels. Primary receipts were 575,800 bushels, compared with 47,000 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported 249 cars, against 248 cars last week and 276 cars a year ago.

The corn market was a very nervous affair. There was heavy selling of May early in the day by some of the principal holders and with only a moderate demand from shorts prices suffered a considerable setback. After opening unchanged to ⅛c lower at 54⅝@54¾c May declined to 54¼c. When the report was circulated that war had broken out in another quarter buying orders appeared to come from all directions. There was active covering by shorts and commission houses bought liberally. Offerings became extremely light and before any large quantity of corn came out May advanced to 56c. Trading was active the remainder of the session. Although recessions from the high point were made, the close was strong, with May ⅝c higher. July was also up ⅝c at 53¼c. Local receipts were 247 cars, none of contract grade.

The same influences that governed wheat and corn affected the oats market. Leading bull houses sold early and caused considerable weakness. Later, however, the early sellers were forced to turn buyers and there was also active buying by shorts. Outsiders were good buyers on the war news. The close was strong, with prices near the top. May opened ⅛@⅜c lower at 43@43⅛c, declined early to 42½c, but rallied later to 44c. The close was ⅝@¾c higher at 43⅝@43¾c. July was up ⅝c at 39⅝c. Local receipts were 128 cars.

Provisions were strong throughout the entire day. In face of lower prices at the yards the opening in provisions was at slightly increased prices. A smaller run of hogs than expected accounted for the advance. Buying for investment account, due to the war scare, began later in the day. The close was strong, with May pork 27½c higher at $14.97½. May lard was up 12½@15c at $7.75 and ribs 10c higher at $7.20.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 25 cars; corn, 220 cars; oats, 110 cars; hogs, 36,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
*Wheat					
May	96½@97⅛	98	96	97⅞	96½@⅝
a July	88 @⅞	90	87⅝	89¾	88⅝@½
b July	87¼@½	89	86⅝	88⅝	87⅝
a Sept.	84¼@⅜	85⅝	83⅝	85½	84⅝
*Corn—					
Feb.		....	....	52¾	....
May	54⅝@56	56	54¼	55½	54⅞
July	52⅝@⅞	53½	52⅝	53¼	52⅝
*Oats—					
Feb.	40¾	41¼	39¾	41	40⅝
May	43@⅛	44	42½	43⅝@¾	42⅞
July	39⅝	40	39	39⅝	38¾
Sept.	34⅝	34½	34⅛	34⅜@½	34
Pork—					
May	14 75	15 05	14 65	14 97½	14 72½
July	14 70	14 90	14 57½	14 85	14 65
Lard—					
May	7 62½	7 75	7 62½	7 75	7 62½
July	7 75	7 85	7 72½	7 82½	7 70
Ribs—					
May	7 10	7 22½	7 07½	7 20	7 10
July	7 25	7 32½	7 20	7 32½	7 20

*No. 2. a old. b new.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $4.40@4.50; straights, $4.10@4.30; spring patents, $4.20@4.50; straights, $3.80@4.10; bakers, $2.60@3.40.

WHEAT—No. 3, 85@96c; No. 2 red, 95c@$1.00.

CORN—No. 2, 51½c; No. 2 yellow, 52½c.

OATS—No. 2, 41@41½c; No. 3 white, 41½@44½c.

RYE—No. 2, 68c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 40@41c; fair to choice malting, 48@58c.

SEEDS—Flax, No. 1, $1.11; No. 1 northwestern, $1.17. Prime timothy, $3.25. Clover, contract grade, $10.90.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $14.75@14.87½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.32½@7.55. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.87½@7.12½. Short clear sides (boxed), $7.12½@7.25.

WHISKY—Basis of high wines, $1.27.

Following are the receipts and shipments of flour and grain:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	62,000	45,100
Wheat, bu	68,500	23,100
Corn, bu	463,400	115,700
Oats, bu	545,700	53,400
Rye, bu	10,400	7,000
Barley, bu	138,600	10,400

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 15@21½c; dairies, 13½@22c. Eggs, easier; at mark, cases included, 27@28½c. Cheese, firm, 10@10¾c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 19,482 bbls.; exports, 8,597 bbls.; market quiet, but firmly held; winter patents, $5.00@5.25; winter straights, $4.75@4.90; Minnesota bakers, $4.00@4.25. Rye flour, firmer; fair to good, $3.65@3.80; choice to fancy, $4.00@4.30. Buckwheat flour, dull, $2.00@2.15.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, $1.10; city, $1.08; kiln dried, $2.90@3.00.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 72½c, f. o. b., afloat; state and Jersey, 65@68c.

BARLEY—Quiet and steady; feeding, 75c, c. i. f., New York; malting, 50c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 3,900 bu. Spot market firm; No. 2 red, $1, elevator; No. 2 red, $1, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.06½, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened firm on firm cables, continued cold weather west, but declined on liquidation and commission house selling west. Later prices again turned higher on war news, which re-established dollar wheat, and closed ¾@1⅛c net higher. May, 98⅝c@$1.00, closed at $1; July, 93¼@95¼c, closed at 95½c; September, 86⅝@88⅝c, closed at 88¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 70,950 bu.; exports, 230 bu. Spot market firm; No. 2 nominal, elevator, and 55¼c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 58c; No. 2 white, 55¼c. Option market was steady at the opening, with light local selling, strength in wheat and local covering. Closed 3-16@⅞c net higher. May, 59½@60¾c, closed at 60 5-16c; July closed at 58½c.

OATS—Receipts, 15,000 bu. Spot market firmer; No. 2, 51c; standard white, 54c; No. 2 white, 54c; No. 3 white, 54c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 60@70c; good to choice, 85@90c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic fair to extra, 5¾@5½c; Japan, nominal.

HOPS—Firm; common to choice, 1903, 30@38c; 1902 crop, 24@28c; Pacific coast, olds, 10@15c; 1903 crop, 27@35c; 1902 crop, 24@27c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14c.

TALLOW—Steady; city ($2 per pkg.), 5⅛c; country (pkgs. free), 5⅛@5½c.

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 23@25½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.00@11.50; mess, $9.00@9.50; packet, $10.00@10.50; city extra India mess, $15.00@17.50. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $7.25@7.75; pickled shoulders, $6; pickled hams, $10.00@11.00. Lard, steady; western steamed, $7.85; refined, steady; continent, $7.80; South America, $8.50; compound, $6.75@7.00. Pork, steady; family, $16; short clears, $15.00@17.00; mess, $15.75@16.50.

BUTTER—Firm; fresh creamery, 15@26c; state dairy, 14@21c.

CHEESE—Steady; state full cream, fancy, small and large, colored and white September, 12c; state late made, 10½c.

EGGS—Steady; western firsts, 34c.

POULTRY—Alive and dressed, quiet, unchanged.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, $1.00⅝; track, $1.06; May, 94¾c; July, 86⅛@86¼c; No. 2 hard, 91@92½c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 45c; track, 46@46½c; May, 50⅝c; July, 50½c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 42c; track, 42½@43c; May, 42⅝c; No. 2 white, 44½c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $4.90@5.000; extra fancy and straight, $4.60@4.85; clear, $3.80@4.00.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $2.50@2.80.

CORN MEAL—Steady, $2.50.

BRAN—Strong; sacked east track, 87@90c.

HAY—Dull; timothy, $8.00@13.00; prairie, $9.00@9.50, for No. 1.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.05.

BAGGING—5⅝@6½c.

HEMP TWINE—5c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, $15.37½; lard, higher, prime steam, $6.95; bacon, steady, boxed extra shorts, $8.00; clear, $8.12½; short clear, $8.25.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 10c; springs, 10c; turkeys, 13c; ducks, 13c; geese, 6@7c.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 20@27c; dairy, 15@20c.

EGGS—Steady, 28½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	9,000	30,000
Wheat, bu	125,000	85,000
Corn, bu	81,000	65,000
Oats, bu	63,000	44,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—May, 83⅝c; July, 79⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 86@89c; No. 3, 84@86c; No. 2 red, 99@$1.00; No. 3, 95@98c.

CORN—May, 46⅝c; July, 46¼c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 43½c; No. 2 white, 44½c; No. 3, 43½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 42@43c; No. 2 mixed, 41@41½c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.50@9.75; choice prairie, $7.50.

RYE—No. 2, 55c.

BUTTER—Creamery, 21@23c; dairy, fancy, 18c.

EGGS—Firm. Missouri and Kansas cases returned, 24½c; new No. 2 whitewood cases included, 25c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	103,600	137,800
Corn, bu	56,000	57,600
Oats, bu	12,000	12,000

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—May, 96⅛@96¼c; July, 96¼c; September, 86¼c; on track, No. 1 hard, 98¼c; No. 1 northern, 97¼c; No. 2 northern, 94c; No. 3 northern, 89@90½c.

FLOUR—First patents, $4.90@5.00; second patents, $3.80@4.90; first clears, $3.60@3.70; second clears, $2.60@2.70.

BRAN—In bulk, $15.00@15.25.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—Spot, nominal; futures, quiet; March, 6s 6⅛d; May, 6s 6d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, steady, 4s 2⅝d; American mixed, old, firm, 4s 6½d. Futures, quiet; March, 4s 2¾d; May, 4s 3⅞d.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Feb. 17.—Bank clearings for today were $1,158,834.75, an increase of $72,-372.79 over the corresponding day last year.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Extreme Dullness Justifies the Assumption that Professionals Have Control.

RATE WAR ON GRAINS ABSORBS ATTENTION

Market Also Affected by Threats that Traffic Reduction May Be Carried to Other Classes of Freight.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The frequenters of the stock exchange changed their position in the market today and sold stocks in contrast to the buying of yesterday. Or rather, the party which bought yesterday had not courage to continue their operations, while their opponents, who had sold at the advance yesterday, saw a profit in offering down prices and proceeded accordingly. They had rather more success in maintaining the declines to the end of the day than did the bulls yesterday in holding the advances. The extreme dullness of the market and the poignant complaints of all commission houses of lack of sufficient business to pay office expenses warrant the assumption that operations are exclusively in professional hands.

While various news items of the day are offered to explain the varying movements of prices, it is clear that the movements represent the ideas of professional traders as to the change in values resulting from occurances rather than actual transactions in liquidation or in investment. In today's market the influence which received most attention and discussion was the rate war on export grain rates, especially that phase of it that concerns the lake traffic from Buffalo. As the dispute is wholly in regard to the making of contracts on business yet to come the acrimony displayed is the more remarkable. Fears of coming depression in railroad traffic and in general business are thus inspired. The firmness with which the opposing contentions are maintained on the comparatively unimportant matter of the differential on export grains from Buffalo to Philadelphia and Baltimore as against New York cause heed to be paid to threats that the war may be carried to other classes of freight and to other destinations, so much has been done of late years to neutralize the control of old rate disturbers that the involvement of the principal lines gives a decided chill to speculative sentiment.

Some effect on stocks was also produced by the whispers sent around that the heavy drop in cotton and consequent speculative losses were going to result in financial troubles. These rumors were without verification. The difficulties of some of the insurance companies involved in the Baltimore fire awakened attention to the possible aftermath of that fire. Germany contributed a story that the Russian government was taking a strong attitude toward the British government in regard to the expedition into Thibet and foreign stocks seemed to be moved by a rumored Albanian revolt. Whatever share these various incidents may have had in the day's decline it was obvious that many were influenced by the fact that yesterday's attempt to lift prices had proved abortive, so that a movement downward was most available.

The bond market was dull and heavy. Total sales, par value, $1,224,000. United States bonds were unchanged.

Following are the quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	17,200	67⅝	66⅞	67
do pfd	600	89½	89	89¼
Baltimore & Ohio	10,400	77¼	76⅝	76½
do pfd	....	....	....	87½
Canadian Pacific	1,000	116⅝	116⅜	116⅜
Central of N. J.	....	....	....	155
Chesapeake & Ohio	400	32¼	31⅜	31½
Chicago & Alton	400	36½	36⅛	36
do pfd	....	....	....	82½
Chicago Gt. Western	300	15½	15⅜	15⅜
Chicago & N. W.	....	....	....	162
Chicago, Mil. & St. P.	21,000	140⅝	139⅝	140
do pfd	....	....	....	170
Chicago Ter. & T.	100	10	10	9¾
do pfd	100	19⅞	19⅞	19½
C., C., C. & St. L.	....	....	....	71½
Colo. Southern	100	16¼	16¼	16⅛
do 1st pfd	....	....	....	53
do 2d pfd	....	....	....	23
Del. & Hudson	700	160	159¾	159¾
Del., Lack. & West.	....	....	....	260
Denver & R. G.	200	20	20	20
do pfd	100	67⅞	67⅞	68
Erie	33,100	25⅜	24⅞	24⅝
do 1st pfd	3,800	63¾	63	63½
do 2d pfd	2,000	42⅛	41⅛	41¼
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	72½
do pfd	....	....	....	81½
Illinois Central	900	128	127⅜	127½
Iowa Central	500	18	17½	17½
do pfd	....	....	....	36
K. C. Southern	....	....	....	18
do pfd	....	....	....	34
Louisville & Nash.	1,800	104⅜	103⅝	103⅝
Manhattan L	500	142¼	142	142⅝
Met. Securities	....	....	....	88½
Metropolitan St. Ry.	1,000	118	117⅝	117½
Minn. & St. Louis	100	65	65	65
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	600	63⅜	62½	62¼
do pfd	....	....	....	120
Missouri Pacific	3,200	90	89	89¼
M., K. & T.	200	16¼	16¼	16¼
do pfd	100	36¼	36¼	36¼
Nat. of Mex., pfd	....	....	....	37¾
New York Central	4,400	114⅝	114⅛	114¼
Norfolk & Western	....	....	....	57½
do pfd	....	....	....	88
Ontario & Western	3,400	20⅞	20½	20⅝
Pennsylvania	49,000	114⅝	113¾	114⅝
Pitts., C. C. & St. L.	....	....	....	60
Reading	7,700	42⅜	41⅝	42
do 1st pfd	400	88	80	79½
do 2d pfd	....	....	....	56½
Rock Island Co.	6,500	22½	21⅞	22⅛
do pfd	200	61	61	61
St. L. & S. F., 2d pfd.	....	....	....	43½
St. L. Southwestern	100	14½	14½	14
do pfd	....	....	....	32½
Southern Pacific	9,100	46⅜	45⅞	45⅞
Southern Railway	1,900	20⅝	20	20
do pfd	1,400	82	81	80⅝
Texas & Pacific	900	23	22⅝	22⅝
Toledo, St. L. & W.	....	....	....	23½
do pfd	300	34	34	33½
Union Pacific	11,700	77⅝	77⅛	77⅝
do pfd	100	89½	89½	89¼
Wabash	100	18½	18½	18¼
do pfd	1,300	35⅝	35⅛	35¼
Wheeling & Lake E.	....	....	....	14
Wisconsin Central	....	....	....	18¼
do pfd	300	42⅛	41½	41½
Adams Express	....	....	....	220
Amer. Express	100	190¼	190¼	190
U. S. Express	....	....	....	105
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	210
Amal. Copper	39,500	49½	48	48½
Amer. Car & F'dry	200	19½	19⅜	19⅜
do pfd	....	....	....	67½
Amer. Cotton Oil	200	29⅜	29⅜	29⅛
do pfd	....	....	....	88
American Ice	....	....	....	8
do pfd	....	....	....	31
Amer. Linseed Oil	....	....	....	9⅝
do pfd	....	....	....	27
Amer. Locomotive	2,800	22¾	22⅜	22½
do pfd	....	....	....	78½
Amer. Smelt. & R.	....	....	....	48
do pfd	100	91	91	91
Amer. Sugar Ref'g	4,100	125⅝	124⅝	125
Anaconda Mining	....	....	....	64
Brooklyn R. T.	34,400	42⅞	41⅜	42⅝
Colo. Fuel & Iron	100	31½	31½	31
Consolidated Gas	2,200	194¼	192½	193
Corn Products	300	18½	18	18½
do pfd	....	....	....	70
Distillers' Sec.	100	24	24	23½
General Electric	100	166	165	165¼
International Paper	....	....	....	11½
do pfd	....	....	....	65
International Pump	....	....	....	33
do pfd	....	....	....	71½
National Lead	100	15¼	15¼	15
North American	200	85¼	85½	84
Pacific Mail	600	27⅞	27	27
Peoples' Gas	100	99	98⅝	98¼
Pressed Steel Car	....	....	....	29¼
do pfd	....	....	....	69½
Pullman Palace Car	....	....	....	210
do pfd	....	....	....	44¼
Republic Steel	300	7⅜	7⅜	7½
do pfd	....	....	....	75
Tenn. Coal & Iron	300	36½	36½	35½
U. S. Leather	300	7	7	7
do pfd	700	77	76⅝	76⅝
U. S Realty	....	....	....	7¼
do pfd	1,600	54	53	53⅞
U. S. Rubber	200	12⅛	12	12
do pfd	....	....	....	48
United States Steel	1,300	11¼	11	11
do pfd	13,500	57¼	56⅝	56¼
Westinghouse Elec.	700	161½	160	159¼
Western Union	....	....	....	87½

Total sales for the day, 409,500 shares.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—Call loans, 4@4¼ per cent; time loans, 4@5¼ per cent. Official closing prices on stocks and bonds:

Atchison Adj. 4s	87	Westing. common	78
Atchison 4s	97⅝	Adventure	2
Mex. Central 4s	64½	Allouez	3½
Atchison	68⅝	Amalgamated	48⅝
do pfd	89	Amer. Zinc	9
Boston & Albany	245	Atlantic	7½
Boston & Maine	166	Bingham	19⅝
Boston Elevated	137⅝	Cal. & Hecla	450
Fitchburg pfd	135	Centennial	17¼
Mex. Central	10	Copper Range	40
N. Y., N. H. & H.	193½	Daly West	34½
Pere Marquette	76	Dominion Coal	58⅝
Union Pacific	77¼	Franklin	8½
Amer. Args. Chem.	13½	Granby	3¼
do pfd	74	Isle Royale	7¼
Amer. Pneu. Tube	4	Mass. Mining	3½
Amer. Sugar	124	Michigan	5
do pfd	124	Mohawk	35
Amer. T. & T.	120⅝	Montana C. & C.	2⅝
Amer. Woolen	10	Old Dominion	10½
do pfd	69½	Osceola	57
Dominion I. & S.	8¾	Parrot	24½
Edison Elec. Illum.	232	Quincy	80
General Electric	165	Shannon	8
Mass. Electric	20⅝	Tamarack	99
do pfd	77	Trinity	4⅝
Mass. Gas	39¼	U. S. Mining	20½
United Fruit	95	Utah	33⅝
United Shoe Mach.	47	Victoria	3¼
do pfd	28	Winona	5
U. S. Steel	11	Wolverine	70½
do pfd	51½		

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—MONEY—On call, easy at 1½ per cent; closing bid, 1½ per cent; offered, at 1¾ per cent. Time loans, easier; 60 days, 3¾@4 per cent; 90 days, 3¾@4 per cent; 6 months, 4@4¼ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4⅝@5¼ per cent; sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8670@4.8675 for demand and at $4.8370@4.8380 for sixty-day bills; posted rates, $4.83½@4.84 and $4.86½; commercial bills, $4.82¾.

SILVER—Bar, 59½c; Mexican dollars, 46½c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, heavy.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	104¾	L. & N. uni. 4s	98½
do coupon	104¾	Manhattan c. g. 4s	102⅞
do 3s, reg.	106	Mex. Central 4s	65
do coupon	106	do 1st inc.	12½
do new 4s, reg.	132¼	Minn. & St. L. 4s	97½
do coupon	132¼	M., K. & T. 4s	97½
do old 4s, reg.	107	do 2s	78⅝
do coupon	107	N. R. R. of M. c. 4s	74
Atchison gen. 4s	99⅝	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	97½
do adj. 4s	88¾	N. J. C. g. 5s	129
Atlantic C. L. 4s	92¾	No. Pacific 4s	102⅝
B. & O. 4s	101⅝	do 3s	70⅝
do 3½s	93¼	N. & W. c. 4s	97⅝
Central of Ga. 5s	105⅝	O. S. L. 4s & par.	91½
do 1st inc.	70	Penn. conv. 3½s	95
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	101¼	Reading gen. 4s	96
Chicago & A. 3½s	75½	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	112⅝
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	91½	St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	81
C. M. & S. P. g. 4	108½	St. L. S. W. 1s	93⅝
C. & N. W. c. 7s	129⅝	Seaboard A. L. 4s	66
C., R. I. & P. 4s	68½	So. Pacific 4s	88⅝
do col. 5s	80½	So. Railway 5s	112
C.C.C. & St. L. g. 4s	97⅝	Texas & P. 1s	116⅝
Chicago Ter. 4s	79½	T. St. L. & W. 4s	69
Con. Tobacco 4s	56¼	Union Pacific 4s	102⅞
Colo. & So. 4s	84⅝	do conv. 4s	96
*D. & R. G. 4s	97¾	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	72½
Erie prior lien 4s	97½	Wabash 1s	116
do gen. 4s	85⅝	do deb. B	61⅝
F. W. & D. C. 1s	106	W. & L. E. 4s	90
Hocking Val. 4½s	105½	Wis. Central 4s	89

*Offered.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Closing:

Consols, money	86⅝	N. Y. Central	117¾
do account	86 13-16	Norfolk & W.	59½
Anaconda	3¼	do pfd	88
Atchison	69	Ontario & W.	21½
do pfd	92	Pennsylvania	58⅞
Baltimore & O.	79¼	Rand Mines	9½
Canadian Pacific	120¼	Reading	21⅝
Ches. & Ohio	32⅝	do 1st pfd	41
Chicago Gt. W.	16¼	do 2d pfd	29½
C., M. & St. P.	144⅝	So. Railway	20⅝
DeBeers	18⅝	do pfd	83½
D. & R. G.	20⅝	So. Pacific	47¾
do pfd	70¼	Union Pacific	79¾
Erie	25⅝	do pfd	91½
do 1st pfd	65½	U. S. Steel	11½
do 2d pfd	42	do pfd	58⅝
Illinois Central	131½	Wabash	19½
Louis. & Nash	107⅜	do pfd	36½
M., K. & T.	16½		

SILVER—Bar, uncertain, 27½d per ounce.

MONEY—2@3 per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3¼@3⅜ per cent; for three months' bills, 3¼@3⅜ per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks:

Adams Con	10	Little Chief	6
Alice	15	Ontario	450
Breece	10	Ophir	500
Brunswick Con	5	Phoenix	8
Comstock	6	Potosi	14
Con. Cal. & Va.	170	Savage	42
Horn Silver	120	Sierra Nevada	55
Iron Silver	150	Small Hopes	20
Leadville Con	2	Standard	245

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Money was in quiet demand in the market today and supplies were superabundant. Discount rates were easy, partly due to favorable continental exchange, though it is not likely that they will be materially reduced at present, owing to the continued Argentine demand for gold. Business on the stock exchange generally was quieter and the dealings were narrow, though certain stocks were buoyant. Consols were easier on the Balkan situation, but closed an eighth above the lowest of the day. Foreigners practically were stagnant. Russians were depressed. Americans opened dull and irregular, hardened to about parity, became inactive and closed weaker. Grand Trunk weakened on the decrease in traffic, which was nearly double what had been expected. Kaffirs and South Americans were firm. The rise in the price of silver, owing to the far eastern demand, strengthened Americans. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was $140,000.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Operators on the bourse today were nervous, owing to the reports from St. Petersburg. Exchange on London, 20m 51½pfgs for checks; discount rates, short bills, 2 per cent; three months bills, 3 per cent.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—Prices on the bourse today opened heavy and the report of another Japanese victory caused a general reaction. Turks were seriously affected on account of rumors of further Balkan complications. At the close stocks were feeble. Russians declined considerably, imperial 4s closing at 92f 35c. Rio Tintos lost 9f. The private rate of discount was 2 9-16 per cent. Three per cent rentes, 95f 85c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 20c for checks.

Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—COTTON—Spot, moderate business done, with prices 14 points higher; American middling fair, 7.34d; good middling, 7.18d; low middling, 7.02d; good ordinary, 6.92d; ordinary, 6.72d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 6,600 American. Receipts were 9,000 bales, including 8,000 American. Futures opened steady and closed feverish. American middling, g. o. c., February, 6.86d; February-March, 6.86d; March-April, 6.87d; April-May, 6.89d; May-June, 6.91d; June-July, 6.91d; July-August, 6.91d; August-September, 6.75d, September-October, 6.10d; October-November, 5.90d. The Cotton exchange will be closed on Monday, February 22.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—COTTON—The market opened strong at an advance of 5@6 points and was soon selling up 43@45 points on stronger cables than expected. In the last few minutes the market rallied to the highest of the day and closed at practically the best, firm at an advance of 10@15 points. Exports were moderately full and there were reports of a large spot business in the south that helped the late advance.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—COTTON—Nominally unchanged; middling, 12½c; sales, none; receipts, 750 bales; shipments, 247 bales; stock, 19,173 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—COTTON—Nominal; sales, 5,565 bales; ordinary, 10 15-16c; good ordinary, 12¼c; low middling, 12⅞c; middling, 13¼c; good middling, 13½c; middling fair, 13⅞c; receipts, 3,850 bales; stock, 415,902 bales. Futures, steady; March, 12.90c, bid; April, 13.15@13.17c; May, 13.41c; June, 13.63@13.67c; July, 13.85c; August, 12.65c, bid; September, 11.75c, bid.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.—WOOL—A healthy condition prevails in the wool market, although trading is quiet. The demand is steady, even if slight, at firm prices. Medium wools have been most in demand and they have felt the impulse toward a higher movement. There is a steady business in territory wools, which are firm. Pulled wools seem to be in general demand. Little is being done with foreign wools. Some current quotations are: Idaho, fine, 15@16c; heavy fine, 13@14c; fine medium, 16@17c; medium, 12½@18c. Wyoming fine, 15@16c; heavy fine, 13@14c; fine medium, 16@17c; medium, 18½@19c. Utah and Nevada fine, 15@17c; heavy fine, 13@14c; fine medium, 16½@17c; medium, 19@20c. Dakota fine, 15@16c; fine medium, 16½@17c; medium, 19@20c. Montana, fine choice, 19@20c; fine medium choice, 19@20c; average, 18@19c; medium choice, 19@20c.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—WOOL—Steady; medium grades combing and clothing, 17@21½c; light fine, 15@17½c; heavy fine, 12@14½c; tub washed, 20@31c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—COFFEE—The market opened steady at a decline of 5 points on March, with the other positions unchanged to 10 points higher and while generally quiet, ruled steady to firm on European buying and bullish advices concerning the coming crop, which one Santos firm placed at 2,500,000 bags for Rio, and 6,500,000 for Santos. Another Santos cable from private sources predicted a falling off in the movement at primary points and stated that wealthy houses were holding spot coffee out of the market. Importers continued selling moderately, but the demand from European sources was swollen in the afternoon by a better class of commission house business and the market was finally steady at a net advance of 15@30 points. Sales were reported of 99,000 bags, including March at 5.55@5.60c; May, 5.80@5.95c; July, 6.10@6.25c; August, 6.20c; September, 6.30@6.50c; October, 6.40@6.45c; December, 6.60@6.75c. Spot market, Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, 7¾c; mild steady; Cordova, 8¾@13½c.

Oils and Rosin.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, nominal; prime yellow, 38@38½c. Petroleum, steady; refined, New York, $8.95; Pennsylvania and Baltimore, $6.90; in bulk, $6. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $2.90. Turpentine, quiet; 66½@67c.

OIL CITY, Feb. 17.—OILS—Credit balances, $1.80; certificates, no bid. Shipments, 100,316 bbls.; average, 71,590 bbls.; runs, 69,589 bbls.; average, 68,216 bbls.; shipments, Lima, 72,812 bbls.; average, 61,412 bbls.; runs, Lima, 51,549 bbls.; average, 45,083.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 17.—OILS—Turpentine, nothing doing.

ROSIN—Quiet; A, B, C, D, E, $1.60; H, $2.75; I, $3.10; K, $3.25; M, $3.30; W G, $3.45; W W, $3.65.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—One cent higher; No. 1 northern, 98@99c; No. 2 northern, 93@96c; July, 89¾@89⅞c.

RYE—1½c higher; No. 1, 71@72c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 63c; sample, 40@60c.

CORN—Firm; No. 3, 45@45½c; May, 55⅝@55½c

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Receipts Liberal, but Desirable Kinds Sold Stronger.

HOG MARKET EASED OFF A TRIFLE

Very Light Run of Sheep and Lambs and with Active Demand Good Stuff Sold Strong to a Dime Higher, Others Slow and Weak.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 17, 1904.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	3,431	4,709	13,062
Official Tuesday	6,188	10,496	11,721
Official Wednesday	4,800	10,700	2,700
Three days this week	14,419	25,905	27,483
Same days last week	9,089	24,610	22,897
Same days week before	7,734	20,403	18,096
Same three weeks ago	11,619	21,813	27,930
Same four weeks ago	11,398	23,665	26,638
Same days last year	14,313	30,265	17,728

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TO DATE.

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at South Omaha for the year to date, with comparisons with last year.

	1904.	1903.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	113,636	121,747	......	8,111
Hogs	306,863	308,375	......	1,512
Sheep	238,713	167,002	71,711	....

Average prices paid for hogs at South Omaha for the last several days with comparisons:

Date.	1904.	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.
Feb. 1....	4 72½	*	5 93	5 22	4 67	3 64	3 64
Feb. 2....	4 73½	6 63	*	5 25	4 68	3 64	3 66
Feb. 3....	4 84⅝	6 70	5 92	*	4 62	3 69	3 73
Feb. 4....	4 81	6 30	5 94	5 31	*	3 59	3 72
Feb. 5....	4 76¾	6 82	6 11	5 23	4 66	*	3 73
Feb. 6....	4 80⅞	6 76	6 16	5 21	4 70	3 56	*
Feb. 7....	*	6 74	6 03	5 28	4 68	3 60	3 75
Feb. 8....	4 88⅝	*	5 98	5 29	4 75	3 66	3 71
Feb. 9....	4 89	6 71	*	5 25	4 84	3 70	3 71
Feb. 10...	5 01½	6 75	6 00	*	4 80	3 71	3 76
Feb. 11...	5 00	6 70	6 01	5 32	*	3 65	3 77
Feb. 12...	5 01	6 72	6 04	5 30	4 79	*	3 81
Feb. 13...	4 95½	6 80	5 98	5 24	4 82	3 68	*
Feb. 14...	*	6 85	5 92	5 30	4 75	3 66	3 83
Feb. 15...	4 99	*	5 81	5 2[illegible]	4 75	3 58	3 79
Feb. 16..	5 03	6 72	*	5 27	4 83	3 58	3 89
Feb. 17...	5 02	7 03	5 78	*	4 76	3 58	3 84

*Indicates Sunday.

The official number of cars of stock brought in by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P.	1	15	..	..
Wabash	1	3	..	..
Mo. Pacific	6	2	..	..
Union Pacific	53	59	6	..
C. & N. W.	5	4	..	..
F., E. & M. V.	51	34	2	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	23	8	1	1
B. & M. Ry	49	31	2	..
C., B. & Q.	8	4	..	..
K. C. & St. J.	..	3	..	..
C., R. I. & P., east	5	10	..	1
C., R. I. & P., west	1	1	..	..
Illinois Central	4	3	..	..
Chicago G. W.	..	4	..	..
Total receipts	207	160	11	2

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyer.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	1,174	1,502	475
Swift and Company	1,188	1,899	1,512
Cudahy Packing Co.	1,029	3,708	661
Armour & Co.	1,463	3,372	736
Armour & Co., Sioux C'y	77	666	....
Vansant & Co.	87	.....	....
Carey & Benton	62	.....	....
Lobman & Co.	132	.....	....
McCreary & Carey	52	.....	....
W. I. Stephen	135	.....	....
Lewis & Underwood	67	.....	....
Huston & Co.	21	.....	....
Hamilton & Rothschilds	95	.....	....
L. F. Huss	29	.....	....
Hobbick & B.	17	.....	....
Sol Degan	36	.....	....
S. P. Lewis	37	.....	....
J. B. Root & Co.	46	.....	....
Hagerty & Co.	118	.....	....
Other buyers	604	.....	211
Total	6,469	11,147	3,500

CATTLE—There was another liberal run of cattle here today which makes the receipts for the three days this week considerably in excess of the same period of last week and also of last year. At some other markets, though, supplies were limited this morning, so that the total number of cattle in sight was not excessive.

There were about sixty cars of cornfed steers included in the offerings and buyers took hold of the better grades quite freely and the market on such kinds could safely be quoted strong to a dime higher. In other words, the desirable grades sold about as well as they did on Monday, the decline of yesterday being regained. When it came to the commoner kinds, however, there was not as much improvement. The liberal receipts gave buyers a chance to discriminate in favor of the good stuff, and as a result the warmed up kinds were neglected and but little better than yesterday. As will be seen from the sales below the quality of some of the cattle was fairly good, one bunch selling as high as $5.00.

The cow market also was active and stronger, sales showing a gain of as much as a dime. The same as with steers the improvement was most noticeable on the better grades and such kinds sold right around steady with Monday. The medium and common kinds, though, did not regain all of yesterday's loss, though in most cases they sold a little stronger. The bulk of the early arrivals was disposed of in good season, but owing to the late arrival of trains the day was well advanced before a clearance was made, the commoner kinds being dull.

Bulls sold fully steady with yesterday and so did veal calves and stags.

The few stockers and feeders that arrived sold freely at fully steady prices where the quality was at all good. As high as $4.00 was paid for some cattle of good flesh and quality. Common stuff was slow, the same as usual, but about steady. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	720	1 75	14	1075	3 80
15	822	2 85	11	972	3 85
2	730	3 25	22	1065	3 85
8	823	3 35	19	1224	3 85
2	915	3 35	9	1120	3 90
8	935	3 40	19	1094	3 90
21	1001	3 50	18	1132	3 90
14	902	3 50	23	1045	3 95
1	1010	3 50	17	736	3 95
[illegible]	1005	3 60	21	1294	4 00
20	996	3 60	15	1188	4 00
2	935	3 60	2	1210	4 00
14	1055	3 65	9	1338	4 00
1	830	3 70	10	1045	4 00
40	1072	3 70	18	1228	4 10
5	936	3 70	6	1248	4 10
5	1060	3 70	41	1194	4 10
8	1044	3 75	17	1360	4 15
17	929	3 75	16	1220	4 20
6	1001	3 75	25	1266	4 20
11	986	3 75	18	1212	4 20
1	1030	3 75	3	1236	4 25
23	1063	3 75	57	1369	4 25
10	998	3 75	40	1319	4 25
1	1070	3 75	60	1172	4 25
19	1064	3 80	17	1270	4 25
17	1079	3 80	15	1297	4 30
8	1028	3 80	16	1228	4 30
1	920	3 80	21	1136	4 40
4	1000	3 80	45	1118	4 55
22	1084	3 80	21	1245	4 65
24	1064	3 80	6	1245	5 00

STEERS AND COWS.

25.......1227 4 30

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

10.......1063 3 90

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
22	909	2 00	4	1127	3 00
1	870	2 00	48	956	3 05
6	903	2 10	1	1140	3 10
2	755	2 25	18	1000	3 10
4	1062	2 25	12	1062	3 10
5	840	2 35	12	1110	3 15
4	877	2 40	19	1107	3 15
3	1060	2 50	13	1158	3 15
26	848	2 55	1	1200	3 15
2	1155	2 60	20	930	3 15
13	909	2 75	18	1033	3 20
17	872	2 75	12	1047	3 20
11	801	2 80	7	1285	3 20
2	1067	2 80	23	996	3 20
6	1068	2 85	12	1111	3 25
3	1126	2 85	19	1027	3 25
3	1113	2 85	1	1470	3 35
17	950	2 90	8	1062	3 30
10	982	2 90	8	1092	3 30
12	933	3 00	1	1200	3 40
29	978	3 00	11	1180	3 40
11	1036	3 00	16	1126	3 40
14	1081	3 00	7	1247	3 45
15	1033	3 00	13	1052	3 45

COWS AND HEIFERS.

21.......919 3 25

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	280	1 50	1	780	3 00
2	990	2 10	10	772	3 10
5	558	2 15	2	950	3 25
5	598	2 20	64	732	3 35
5	650	2 35	13	1001	3 35
4	642	2 40	6	978	3 45
5	524	2 50	1	1510	4 00
18	606	2 75	1	1520	4 00

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1440	2 25	1	1460	3 10
1	1100	2 25	1	1920	3 10
1	1230	2 50	1	1440	3 15
1	920	2 50	1	1100	3 25
1	1200	2 65	1	1240	3 25
2	656	2 75	1	1880	3 35
1	1240	2 90	1	1450	3 35
1	1170	2 90	1	1750	3 40
16	1543	3 00			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	200	2 00	1	250	4 75
6	430	2 50	1	110	5 00
4	280	3 50	2	166	5 00
1	356	3 75	1	260	5 25
1	170	4 00	1	190	5 50
1	190	4 75			

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	1175	2 25	1	1250	3 10
1	[illegible]	2 55	1	1360	3 35

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	630	2 50	26	701	3 50
42	648	3 00	3	1063	3 50
3	460	3 00	4	827	3 50
2	750	3 00	17	662	3 55
3	776	3 20	47	817	3 60
3	773	3 35	5	814	3 60
29	577	3 40	8	666	3 60
3	690	3 40	15	782	3 70
1	730	3 40	5	730	3 70
4	815	3 45	31	1021	3 90
6	590	3 45	1	826	4 00
8	624	3 45	35	744	4 00
9	642	3 45	50	744	4 00

HOGS—There was a good run of hogs on sale this morning, and, as advices from other points were unfavorable to the selling interests, buyers here started out to buy their supplies a little lower. The market opened weak to a nickel lower and a good many hogs sold on that basis, as there did not seem to be any chance of getting more money. The local demand, though, was apparently heavier than usual, and it soon became evident that there were none too many hogs on sale to fill orders. As a result salesmen held their droves for more money and trading soon became more active, with good weight hogs steady with yesterday's general market, the early decline having been regained. The lighter weights sold rather unevenly. In some cases they brought as much as they would yesterday, while in others they had to sell a little lower. The light weights sold mostly from $4.95 down, good weights largely from $5.00 to $5.05, and prime heavies from $5.05 up. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
30	106	40	4 30	45	198	...	5 02½
15	116	...	4 35	63	266	80	5 05
21	153	...	4 50	69	224	...	5 05
50	147	...	4 80	69	235	40	5 05
42	174	...	4 85	68	224	...	5 05
87	178	...	4 90	62	267	40	5 05
97	172	...	4 90	46	240	80	5 05
26	246	160	4 95	10	276	80	5 05
221	190	160	4 95	25	178	...	5 05
79	200	...	4 95	79	223	...	5 05
79	170	80	4 95	13	357	80	5 05
76	166	20	4 95	79	223	...	5 05
90	197	120	4 95	67	214	...	5 05
72	208	80	4 95	69	250	...	5 05
87	173	...	4 95	73	242	...	5 05
82	216	80	4 95	73	221	80	5 05
71	222	...	4 95	26	246	...	5 05
59	197	40	4 95	10	230	...	5 05
40	201	...	4 95	77	217	...	5 05
75	198	160	4 95	75	216	...	5 05
69	188	...	4 95	76	229	...	5 05
74	192	...	4 95	68	266	120	5 05
48	201	...	4 95	60	228	...	5 05
86	193	40	4 95	70	243	...	5 05
80	182	...	4 95	61	248	...	5 05
80	186	80	4 95	53	272	...	5 05
87	204	...	4 95	56	230	...	5 05
75	185	40	4 97½	57	234	...	5 05
74	194	80	5 00	61	247	...	5 05
80	213	80	5 00	67	246	...	5 07½
77	210	...	5 00	72	246	...	5 07½
62	203	40	5 00	52	252	...	5 07½
72	208	...	5 00	58	249	40	5 07½
20	220	...	5 00	74	243	...	5 07½
61	248	...	5 00	64	245	120	5 07½
60	218	...	5 00	50	275	80	5 07½
76	198	...	5 00	22	272	...	5 07½
73	206	...	5 00	60	220	80	5 07½
88	196	40	5 00	70	266	200	5 07½
86	197	...	5 00	70	264	80	5 07½
80	213	...	5 00	65	245	280	5 07½
52	215	...	5 00	45	244	...	5 07½
78	202	80	5 00	61	277	...	5 10
44	208	...	5 00	58	300	120	5 10
39	220	...	5 00	51	210	200	5 10
77	195	...	5 00	67	261	...	5 10
77	218	...	5 00	73	252	...	5 10
72	266	...	5 00	65	238	...	5 10
63	189	...	5 00	64	256	...	5 10
148	245	40	5 02½	58	278	...	5 10
77	200	200	5 02½	58	265	120	5 10
67	218	120	5 02½	65	265	80	5 10
71	259	80	5 02½	25	275	...	5 10
66	217	...	5 02½	59	287	...	5 12½
81	243	...	5 02½	28	299	80	5 12½
75	228	40	5 02½	31	329	80	5 12½
71	230	...	5 02½	44	327	...	5 15
94	242	...	5 02½				

SHEEP—There was a very light run of sheep here this morning for a Wednesday and, as local buyers had to have some fresh supplies, the market ruled active and strong. The good, fat stuff, in fact, could safely be quoted strong to a dime higher. The Johnson ewes that sold on Monday for $3.85 sold yesterday for $3.90 and for $4.00 today. Other sales were also around a dime higher and everything at all desirable was soon disposed of. Some of the part-fat kinds, though, were rather neglected and salesmen were calling that class slow and weak.

There were but few feeders offered and no particular change in the market was noticeable.

Quotations for corn-fed stock: Good to choice western lambs, $5.50@5.85; fair to good lambs, $5.25@5.50; good to choice yearlings, $4.75@5.00; fair to good yearlings, $4.50@4.75; good to choice wethers, $4.00@4.25; fair to good wethers, $3.75@4.00; good to choice ewes, $3.75@4.00; fair to good ewes, $3.50@3.75; choice feeder lambs, $4.25@5.00; fair to good, $3.50@4.00; feeder yearlings, $3.50@4.00; feeder wethers, $3.75@4.00; feeder ewes, $2.50@3.25; culls, $1.75@2.00. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
54	western ewes	95	3 75
181	western ewes	123	4 00
13	western wethers	78	4 20
109	western wethers	95	4 20
10	western ewes	90	3 00
1	buck	200	3 25
124	western ewes	91	3 40
73	western ewes	103	3 75
352	western wethers	125	3 90
264	western ewes	87	4 00
114	western wethers	117	4 10
13	western wethers	138	4 10
56	western wethers	107	4 10
170	western wethers	132	4 20
170	western wethers	134	4 20
50	western wethers	137	4 20
111	feeder lambs	66	4 50
22	western lambs	72	4 85
6	western lambs	70	5 00
146	western lambs	74	5 25
3	western lambs	126	5 60
21	western ewes	71	3 90
169	western ewes	123	4 00
188	western lambs	70	4 75
209	western yearlings	80	4 85
144	western yearlings	82	4 90
142	Mexican yearlings	75	5 05
505	Mexican yearlings	59	5 05

Stock in Sight.

Following are the receipts of live stock for the six principal western cities yesterday:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	4,800	10,700	2,700
Chicago	18,000	35,000	25,000
Kansas City	8,000	12,000	3,000
St. Louis	4,000	9,000	2,500
St. Joseph	2,340	7,463	2,703
Sioux City	800	4,000	....
Totals	37,940	78,163	35,903

CHICAGO MARKET FOR LIVE STOCK.

Prices Strong and Higher for Cattle and Receipts Are Fairly Large.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 18,000 head; market strong to higher; good to prime steers, $5.00@5.75; poor to medium, $3.50@4.85; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.30; cows, $1.75@4.25; heifers, $2.00@4.75; canners, $1.75@2.50; bulls, $2.25@4.10; calves, $3.50@7.25.

HOGS—Receipts today, 35,000 head; estimated tomorrow, 35,000 head; market mostly 5c lower; mixed and butchers, $5.00@5.30; good to choice heavy, $5.25@5.40; rough heavy, $4.95@5.20; light, $4.60@5.10; bulk of sales, $4.95@5.20.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 20,000 head; market steady; lambs and sheep, steady; good to choice wethers, $4.00@4.60; fair to choice, mixed, $3.50@4.25; western sheep, $3.00@5.50; native lambs, $4.00@6.00; western lambs, $4.75@6.10.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 8,000 head, including 800 southerns; market steady to 10c higher; export and dressed beef steers, 10c higher, $4.60@5.35; fair to good, strong, $4.00@4.50; western fed steers, steady, $3.40@4.25; stockers and feeders, steady, $3.00@4.25; southern steers, 10c higher, $3.50@4.45; southern cows, 10c higher, $2.40@3.40; native cows, strong, $1.75@3.60; native heifers, strong, $3.00@3.85; bulls, strong, $2.65@4.15; calves, strong, $3.00@6.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 12,000 head; market steady to 10c lower, closed firm; top, $5.17½; bulk of sales, $4.85@5.10; heavy, $5.10@5.17½; packers, $4.96@5.06; pigs and lights, $4.75@4.90.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,000 head; market 5@10c higher; native lambs, $5.00@5.75; western lambs, $5.00@5.70; fed ewes, $3.65@4.15; western fed yearlings, $4.75@5.15; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.00.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000 head, including 2,400 Texans; market active, strong and higher; native shipping and export steers, $4.25@5.25; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.00@5.20; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.50@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.15@3.75; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.00; canners, $2.00@2.50; bulls, $2.50@3.50; calves, $3.50@6.50; Texas and Indian steers, $2.80@4.20; cows and heifers, $2.15@3.10.

HOGS—Receipts, 9,000 head; market 5@10c lower; pigs and lights, $4.70@5.15; packers, $4.90@5.25; butchers and best heavy, $5.15@5.35.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,500 head; market steady to strong; native muttons, $3.75@4.75; lambs, $4.45@6.00; culls and bucks, $2.25@4.25; stockers, $2.00@3.00.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Feb. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,340 head; market steady to 10c higher; natives, $3.65@5.25; cows and heifers, $1.75@4.35; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.15.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,463 head; market steady to 5c lower; light, $4.75@5.00; medium and heavy, $4.95@5.20.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,703 head; market steady; lambs, $5.75; yearlings, $5.00; ewes, $4.50.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 800 head; market steady; beeves, $3.50@4.60; cows, bulls and mixed, $2.30@3.40; stockers and feeders, $3.75@3.70; calves and yearlings, $2.50@3.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000 head; market steady; selling, $4.75@5.15; bulk, $4.95@5.00.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—METALS—Tin ha a sharp break in the London market, spo losing 12s 6d and closing at £125 10s, whil futures were 15s lower at £125 17s 6d. L cally, tin was influenced somewhat by t weakness abroad, closing quiet but a litt lower at $28.37½@28.75. Copper also w lower in London, spot declining 5s to

2s 6d and futures 2s 6d to £56 7s 6d. Locally, copper was unchanged, with lake quoted at $12.00@12.75; electrolytic and casting at $12.37½@12.62½. Lead was a little higher here and firm at $4.50@4.60, but unchanged in London at £11 12s 6d. Spelter also was firm and higher locally, with spot quoted at $5.00@5.10, while there was a decline of 2s 6d to £21 12s 6d in the English market. Iron closed at 50s 9d in Glasgow and 52s 18d in Middlesborough. Locally, iron was unchanged; No. 1 northern foundry is quoted at $15.00@16.00; No. 2 northern foundry at $14.00@15.00; No. 1 southern foundry and No. 1 southern foundry, soft, at $13.75@14.25.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—METALS—Lead, strong at $4.37½. Spelter, higher at $4.80.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts, more liberal; market weaker; fresh stock, 27c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 9c; spring chickens, 9c; roosters, according to age, 5c; turkeys, 13@14c; ducks, 9½; geese, 8c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, 16@17c; ducks, 11@12c; geese, 10c; chickens, 9½@10½c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12½@13c; choice to fancy dairy rolls, 13@14c; separator, 23c.

FRESH FISH—Trout, 9½@10c; pickerel, 5½@6c; pike, 9c; perch, 6@6½c; bluefish, 15c; whitefish, 8@9c; salmon, 11c; haddock, 10c; codfish, 12c; redsnapper, 11c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 32c; lobsters, green, per lb., 30c; bullheads, 11c; catfish, 13@14c; black bass, 20c; halibut, 10c; crappies, 12c; herring, 4½c; white bass, 13c; bluefins, 8c; smelts, 10@11c.

OYSTERS—New York Counts, per can, 43c; per gal., $2.00; extra select, per can, 35c; per gal., $1.80; standard, per can, 27c; per gal., $1.50.

BRAN—Per ton, $15.50.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Dealers' association: Choice No. 1 upland, $6.50; No. 2, $6.00; medium, $5.50; coarse, $5.00; rye straw, $5.00. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair and receipts light.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Colorado, $1.10; Dakota, per bu., $1.00; natives, 90c.

SWEET POTATOES—Illinois, per bbl., $3.50.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.25.

CELERY—Large California, 90c, 75c and 90c.

ONIONS—Spanish, per crate, $1.90; Colorado yellow and red, per lb., 2½c.

CABBAGE—Wisconsin Holland, 2½c; new California, 2½c.

TURNIPS—Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1½c; white, per bu., 60c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 85c.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 60c.

BEETS—Per bu., 60c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.75.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.25@1.50.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crates, $4.50.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

LETTUCE HEADS—Per doz. bunches, 90c@$1.00; per bbl., $7.00; leaf lettuce, per doz. bunches, 45c.

TURNIPS—Southern, per doz., 75c.

BEETS—Southern, per doz., 75c.

CARROTS—Southern, per doz., 75c.

PARSLEY—Southern, per doz., $1.00.

FRUITS.

APPLES—California Bellflowers, per box, $1.65; New York export Greenings, Russets and Baldwins, $3.75.

GRAPES—Imported Malagas, per keg, $6.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, per bbl., $7.00; per box, $2.50; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $7.50; Bell and Cherry, $6.50.

STRAWBERRIES—Florida, per qt., 50c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Navels, all sizes, choice, $2.00@2.25; fancy, all sizes, $2.25@2.50.

LEMONS—California, fancy, 300 to 360, $3.50; choice, 240 to 270 sizes, $2.00@3.25.

FIGS—California, per 16-lb. cartons, 85c; imported Smyrna, 3-crown, 14c; 5-crown, 16c; 7-crown, 16c.

BANANAS—Per medium sized bunch, $2.00@2.50; Jumbos, $2.75@3.25.

COCOANUTS—Per sack, $4.00; per doz., 60c.

DATES—Persian, per box of 30 pkgs., $2.00; per lb., in 60-lb. boxes, 5c; Oriental stuffed dates, per box, $2.40.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHEESE—Wisconsin twins, full cream, 11c; Wisconsin Young Americas, 13c; block Swiss, 16c; Wisconsin brick, 13c; Wisconsin limburger, 12c.

HONEY—Nebraska, per 24 frames, $3.00; Utah and Colorado, per 24 frames, $3.

MAPLE SUGAR—Ohio, per lb., 10c.

CIDER—Per bbl., $5.50; per ½ bbl., $3.25.

POPCORN—Per lb., 2½c; shelled, 3@3½c.

HORSERADISH—Per case of 2 doz., packed, 80c.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 7c; No. 2 salted, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6½c; dry salted hides, 8@12c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.60.

NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft-shell, per lb., 15c; hard-shell, per lb., 14c; No. 2 soft-shell, per lb., 13c; No. 2 hard-shell, per lb., 12c; Brazils, per lb., 11c; filberts, per lb., 11c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 15c; hard-shell, per lb., 13c; pecans, large, per lb., 12c; small, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 6c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 8c; Chili walnuts, 12@13½c; large hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50; shell barks, per bu., $2.00; black walnuts, per bu., $1.25.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—BEEVES—Receipts, 2,600 head; steers, firm to 10c higher; bulls and cows, steady to 10c higher. Native steers, $4.40@5.20; oxen, $5.00@3.60. Cables, steady; exports today, 814 cattle, 9,500 quarters of beef.

CALVES—Receipts, 494 head; market steady for veals; barnyard calves, nominal. Veals, $4.50@9.00; tops, $9.25@9.50; little calves, $3.50@4.25; westerns, $5.00. Dressed calves, slow; city dressed veals, 8½@13½c per lb.; country dressed, 7@11½c; choice, 12c per lb.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,440; firm; state hogs, $5.60; good western pigs, $5.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,421 head; sheep, steady; lambs, slow. Sheep, $4.00@4.75; culls, $3.00; lambs, $5.50@6.25; culls, $5.00. Exports today, 1,327 head.

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—EVAPORATED APPLES—Market continues quiet, with the tone rather in buyers' favor; common, 4@5c; prime, 5¼@5½c; choice, 5½@6c; fancy, 6½@7c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Prunes are in comparatively light supply and prices are firmly held. Quotations range from 3½@4½c for all grades. Peaches meet with a fair inquiry, but buyers and sellers are apart as to prices and actual business is therefore limited; choice, 7¼@7¾c; extra choice, 7¾@8¼c; fancy, 9@10c. Apricots are in good demand and with supplies moderate the tone is firm; choice, 9¾@10c; extra choice, 10¼@10¾c; fancy, 12@15c.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds filed for record February 17, 1904, as furnished by the Midland Guarantee and Trust company, bonded abstracter, 1614 Farnam street, for The Bee:

August Bierbach and wife to Charles F. Keiner, part of lot 4, block 3, Crawford's add	$ 2,300
George Forgan et al, referees, to Lena Mead, lots 1 to 12, inclusive, part of lots 12 and 15, and all of lots 19 to 23, inclusive, and lots 27 and 28, all in block 2, Redick park add	4,825
Charles F. Gruenig and wife to Charles A. Morrison, lot 12, block 5, Patrick's 2d Saratoga	2,600
Sheriff to Isaac S. Leavitt, lot 16, block 6, and other land, Shull's 2d add	[illegible]
Caroline E. Lidstone et al to Alexander M. Amos, part of ne¼ se¼ 33-16-13	900
Alexander M. Amos and wife to Joseph W. Peters, same	1
Joseph W. Peters to Chris Barbo, same	2
Ade E. Tye to Arthur L. Sheetz, lots 25 and 26, Mayne's add	500
John A. Creighton to Creighton university, lot 8, block 106, and part lots 2 and 3, block 106, city	1

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